THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The main function of DGFT prior to enactment of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 was to regulate the imports and exports of the country. After the enactment of said Act, DGFT has taken over the role of facilitator rather than regulator. The Foreign Trade Policy and the procedures as laid down by virtue of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 is formulated with the objective of economic growth and national development. The aim is not only to double our percentage share of global merchandize trade by the year 2009 but the policies would also generate additional employment opportunities in semi urban and rural areas. The details of these export promotion measures are available in the book titled "Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009" and "Handbook of Procedures Volume I, 2004-09" updated as on 7th April, 2006. Both these publications are available in Parliament Library.

Funds to Andhra Pradesh under Growth Centre Scheme

881 SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh under the Growth Centre Scheme and the Central Grant under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have appointed any consultancy agency to take up evaluation for industralisation in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANTI KUMAR): (a) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of funds and Central Grant released to Andhra Pradesh

Growth Centre Scheme

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Location	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Hindupur	—	50.00	—
2.	Jedchrela	—	195.00	400.00
3.	Vizianagaram-Bobbilli		50.00	—
4.	Ongole	100.00	—	—

Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Location	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Pharma Cluster Hyderabad	—	—	1654.00
2.	Auto Cluster, Vijayawada	—	780.00	—

Modification of FDI norms in Agriculture and Plantation

882. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have modified certain norms of FDI Policy, according to the recommendations of the Group of Ministers, headed by the Minister of Agriculture, allowing 100 per cent FDI in agriculture and plantation sector;

(b) if so, the details of the changes made;

(c) whether the left parties have opposed the decision to allow 100 percent FDI in agriculture and plantation sector, as it will ruin millions of farmers and planters who are already facing hardships; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Group of Ministers